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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
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Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Greeley's application for funding under the DOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Greeley Regional Interchange Project (GRIP).

The GRIP will provide critical improvements to the U.S. Highway 34 corridor, a key regional highway connecting Northern Colorado's largest regional population and economic centers. Sustained growth and economic development along the corridor have increased the need to enhance safety, reduce congestion, and improve mobility. GRIP will enable future transit services between Greeley, Loveland, and Fort Collins and enhance local and regional accessibility, benefitting current and future businesses that support the region's economy.

The GRIP will enable future local and regional transit connections while also improving accessibility to the regional shared-use trail adjacent to the corridor. GRIP will improve safety along the corridor and on 35th Avenue through the removal of traffic signals, thereby allowing the free flow of east-west traffic, and the elimination of at-grade bike and pedestrian crossings on Highway 34. In addition to improving the efficiency of east-west travel along the corridor, grade separation of Highway 34 traffic will provide safer pedestrian and bike crossings, which is important given several schools and major retail centers are located adjacent to the highway.

Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of the City of Greeley's grant application under the RAISE program for GRIP, as it is important in enhancing regional mobility and supporting the economic vitality of the Front Range and Northern Colorado. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Washington, D.C. office at 202.225.4676.

Sincerely,

Ken Buck
Member of Congress